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SUBJECT: INTERIM SUMMARY REPORT OF FIRE AT USOECD

1. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY BY TELEPHONE TO OFFICE DIRECTOR ALBRECHT OF RPE, DESPITE SEVERE FIRE DAMAGE, CAUSING THE DEATH OF A MARINE GUARD, USOECD WAS IN OPERATION AT THE OPENING OF BUSINESS AT 0900 HOURS MARCH 2. ALL OECD MEETINGS WERE ATTENDED BY VISITING WASHINGTON OFFICIALS AND USOECD OFFICERS, AND CABLE TRAFFIC IN AND OUT WAS HANDLED. WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE ALL NECESSARY BUSINESS, INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE XCSS, EPC AND JUNE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. THIS IS DUE TO THE SPLENDID EFFORT OF MISSION PERSONNEL, THE COOPERATION OF OECD SECRETARIAT, AND THE SUPPORT OF EMBASSY PARIS ADMIN. WE ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF CONFERENCE ROOMS ALLOCATED BY OECD AND WILL REMAIN HERE TILL MARCH 10, BY WHICH TIME WE WILL HAVE HAD TO FIND SUITABLE OTHER QUARTERS INTO WHICH WE CAN MOVE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO TO FOUR MONTHS, WHILE PRESENT QUARTERS ARE BEING RESTORED. IMPERATIVE THAT NECESSARY CHANGES OF BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS BE SPECIFIED IMMEDIATELY, ADEQUATE FUNDS ALLOCATED, AND
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ROUTINE PURCHASING PROCEDURES WAIVED TO ALLOW RAPID RESTORATION.

2. IN THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK, I WILL BE FILING A MORE DETAILED REPORT BASED ON SUCH INFORMATION AS DETAILED MEMORANDA FROM USOECD DCM AND MINEF AS WELL AS COPIES OF OECD SECRETARIAT INTERNAL REPORTS AND

VIEWS OF FRENCH FIRE BRIGADE AND EXPERT CONSULTANT. I
WILL ADD TO THIS MY OWN ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
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